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1. [redacted] the Polish merchant ship, SS Hel [redacted] - 25X1
is a ship of 1300 tons. which carried resin and salt from Poland loaded tractors, Diesel motors and seeds for Poland. Each trip lasted approximately two weeks.
2. The entire crew of the Hel was Polish. [redacted] because many non-Polish men were brought to Poland in 1951. The Kosciuszko and Batory brought many [redacted] to Poland. In addition [redacted] Chinese and Koreans were also being used, since they were believed more trustworthy than the Poles from the political viewpoint. 25X1
3. The captain of the ship was Piekarski. The Hel had no politurk, but the political functions were performed by the chief mechanic, who was also the secretary of the Communist Party on board the ship. Responsible for keeping the crew under political control was Boatswain (frm) Nowicki, assisted by senior seaman Makuch. 25X1

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